FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Mysore State Provident Fund.

READ—

Letter No. S. B. 82, dated 31st October 1925, from the Comptroller to Government submitting the Report on the Working of the Mysore State Provident Fund for the year 1924-25.

"I have the honour to submit the following Report on the working of the Mysore State Provident Fund for the year 1924-25.

1. *Number of subscribers.*—The number of subscribers at the commencement of the year was 2,572. During the year under report, 318 persons were admitted as members of whom 67 are compulsory subscribers, and 152 persons ceased to be members, leaving 2,738 subscribers at the close of the year.

2. *Receipts.*—The amount subscribed during the year was Rs. 1,18,670-13-4, as against Rs. 1,05,347-0-8, in the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 13,323-12-8.

3. *Temporary Advances.*—Temporary advances were granted to 613 subscribers, the amount advanced in the year being Rs. 80,665, as against Rs. 60,497 in the previous year. The repayment of temporary advances amounted to Rs. 66,611-14-0, as against Rs. 49,664-2-8 during 1923-24.

4. *Withdrawals.*—There were 152 cases of withdrawals from the Fund during the year of which 82 were due to retirements, 32 to deaths, 12 to resignation, 11 to dismissals and 15 to withdrawals specially permitted under orders of Government to menials and scavengers of the Kolar District. The amount thus withdrawn aggregated Rs. 58,879-4-2, as against Rs. 66,249-2-9 in the previous year.

5. The financial position of the Fund on 30th June 1925, stood as follows:—

			Rs.	a.	p.
Opening balance on 1st July 1924			5,21,599	5	8
Subscriptions during the year			1,18,670	13	4
Repayment of temporary advances			66,611	14	0
	Total		7,06,876	1	0
Withdrawals during the year—					
Permanent	58,879	4 2			
Temporary Advances	80,665	0 0			
			1,39,544	4	2
	Balance		5,67,331	12	10
Interest for 1924-25			28,282	13	1
Closing balance on 30th June 1925			5,95,614	9	11

6. *Nominations.*—During the year under report there were 84 nominations, the total registered from the beginning being 1,368. The parties are being apprised in the Annual Statement of Accounts sent to them of the benefits of nomination.

7. Annual advices to subscribers regarding the state of their accounts will be issued in due course.

General.—Judging from the increase in the number of subscribers year after year, it will be seen that the benefits of the Fund are being largely availed of. There is, however, a general tendency on the part of the officials in service to apply for temporary advances frequently, taking shelter under Note 2 to Rule 10 of the State Provident Fund Rules throwing much additional work on this Office. The desirability of restricting the frequency of the advances is commended to the notice of Government."

ORDER NO. FL. 2769-828—G. F. 97-25-2, DATED 20TH NOVEMBER 1925.

Recorded.

2. The Comptroller states that applications for temporary advances are frequent and are on the increase. He is requested to suggest what restrictions may be imposed to reduce the number of advances and the connected unnecessary work.

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.

Amendments to the Rules relating to the System of Optional Insurance in the Official Branch.

READ—

Government Proceedings No. Fl. 6452-4—G. F. 36-24-25, dated 28th May 1925, abolishing the system of optional insurance in the Official Branch.

2. Letter No. 3539, dated 24th August 1925, from the Secretary, Mysore State Life Insurance Committee, forwarding for approval draft amendments of the rules according to the above order.

ORDER NO. FL. 2912-4—G. F. 44-25-12, DATED 23RD NOVEMBER 1925.

The amendments proposed are approved.

2. Para 2 of Rule 6 also requires revision. Officers who insure their lives while in temporary service and who are subsequently transferred to permanent pensionable service, have to be treated, for the purpose of Rule 6, in the same manner as those employed, from the beginning, in permanent service.

3. Rules 9 A, 18 A, and 19, para 5 will be deleted and Rules 6, para 2, 7, 11 A, and 19, para 4 as amended, are reproduced below :—

Rule 6, para 2.—Officials in temporary service of whatever duration will be permitted to insure in the Official Branch subject to the following conditions :—

(1) In case they cease to be in service within one year of such insurance, they shall not be allowed to elect any of the courses except No. 1 under Rule 10;

and (2) in case of their employment in permanent pensionable service, insurance, effected during their temporary service, shall be regarded as forming part of the insurance, they are bound to effect under this Rule, and also as if it had been effected were their services permanent from the commencement.

Rule 7.—Ten per cent of the pay of the insured shall be recovered every month as premium and credited to Government in consideration of which an endowment bonus (according to the table appended to these Rules) shall be payable from the Mysore Revenues on the insured completing 55 years of age or at his death, if earlier. Fractions of a rupee other than multiples of eight annas, shall be excluded in calculating the monthly premium. (Fl. 6452-4—G. F. 36-24-25, dated 28th May 1925.)

Rule 11 A.—An insured who is unable to continue payment of premia for an optional insurance effected under the old rules, may withdraw from such optional insurance either wholly or in part and in lieu of the optional insurance so withdrawn obtain either a paid-up policy or surrender value calculated in the manner laid down in Rule 10. If, however, the amount of a paid-up policy is less than Rs. 50, no such policy will be issued and the case will be disposed of as one for payment only of a surrender value.

Rule 19, para 4.—The Examining Medical Officer and the Senior Surgeon will be entitled to receive a fee of Rs. 2 and 1, respectively, payable by the Insurance Office for each detailed medical examination for first insurance and of Rs. 3 and Rs. 1-8-0, respectively, for such examination for further insurance required under Rule 22.

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT.

Recruitment of Staff for the Electrical Department.

READ

1. Government Order No. 1827-80—E. A. G. 308, dated the 16th May 1921, on the Miller Committee Report, submitted in pursuance of Government Order No. E. A. G. 308, dated the 23rd August 1918, *in re* the question of giving further encouragement to members of Backward Communities in the Public Service.

2. Circular letter No. 1910-49—E. A. G., dated the 23rd May 1921, from the Chief Secretary to Government to the Heads of Departments, etc., calling for proposals for the revision of rules prescribing the qualifications for recruitment to different Departments with special reference to paragraph 8 (ii) of the Government Order read above.

3. Government Order No. E. A. 2093-172—E. A. 14-21-7, dated the 28th November 1921, issuing supplementary instructions *in re* the filling up of vacancies in the ministerial ranks of superior service in the State.